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C O N F I D E N T I A L STOCKHOLM 1294

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: STOCKHOLM CONFERENCE ON VIETNAM

REF: STATE 059872

1. I CALLED ON AXEL EDELSTAM, MFA ACTING DIRECTOR OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS, TODAY AND MADE DEMARCHE AS INSTRUCTED REFTEL. I DWELT ON EDUCATION MINISTER ZACHRISSON'S ROLE IN WEEKEND EVENTS, AS PER PARA 5 REFTEL, ADDIING THAT USG HAD ALREADY EXERCISED CONSIDERABLE RESTRAINT IN CONTEMPLATING A GOS MINISTER'S INTIMATE CONNECTION WITH THE STOCKHOLM CONFERENCE.

2. EDELSTAM SAID WHAT I HAD TOLD HIM CORRESPONDED TO CONTENT OF A REPORT HE RECEIVED THIS MORNING FROM CHARGE LIDGARD ON A MEETING WITH ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY STABLER. HE SAID HE TOOK NOTE OF OUR POSITION AF WOULD CONVEY IT TO FOREIGN MINISTER. WITH RESPECT TO ZACHRISSON, HE SAID STOCKHOLM CONFERENCE WAS A PRIVATE ORGANIZATION UNCONNECTED WITH GOVERN-  
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MENT AND, WHEN ZACHRISSON BECAME EDMINISTER, HE RESIGNED AS

CHAIRMAN OF CONFERENCE. EDELSTAM SAID I NO DOUBT KNEW THAT A NEW CHAIRMAN HAD BEEN APPOINTED AND ZACHRISSON WOULD JUST BE TURNING OVER CHAIRMANSHIP OF STOCKHOLM CONFERENCE TO HER (SOCDEM RIKSDAG MEMBER ANITA GRADIN). HE WOULD NOT BE APPEARING IN HIS ROLE AS ED MINISTER.

3. I SAID THIS WAS A DISTINCTION WE HAD HEARD BEFORE AND IT HAD NOT BECOME EASIER TO ACCEPT WITH REPETITION. I ASKED WHETHER PRIME MINISTER OR OTHER GOS REPRESENTATIVE INTENDED TO RECEIVE PRG DELEGATION. EDELSTAM SAID HE DID NOT KNOW BUT PRG DELEGATION NO DOUBT HOPED TO BE RECEIVED. I SAID I HOPED THAT WOULD NOT BE FOUND NECESSARY. EDELSTAM SAID GOS WOULD TAKE OUR REPRESENTATION SERIOUSLY.

4. I INQUIRED ABOUT PHAM VAN DONG VISIT TO SWEDEN APRIL 8-10, ASKING SPECIFICALLY WHETHER QUESTION OF PRG RECOGNITION WOULD BE DEALT WITH. EDELSTAM SAID THIS WAS AN OFFICIAL VISIT, A THANK-YOU VISIT BY DRV PREMIER TO ALGERIA, CUBA AND SWEDEN. HE SAID GOS EXPECTED PHAM VAN DONG TO URGE PRG RECOGNITION STRONGLY. I ASKED WHAT WAS CURRENT GOS POSITION. EDELSTAM SAID IT WAS UNCHANGED. (SWEDEN HOLDS THAT PRG LACKS ATTRIBUTES OF SOVEREIGNTY NECESSARY FOR SWEDISH RECOVITION). I SAID, IN INTEREST OF NEW ERA IN U.S.-SWEDISH RELATIONS WHICH NOW SEEMED TO BE OPENING, I HOPED THIS POSITION WOULD HOLD. EDELSTAM SAID AGAIN HE WOULD BRING TO FOREIGN MINISTER'S ATTENTION OUR SERIOUS CONCERN.

5. COMMENT: THERE IS NO CHANCE ZACHRISSON WILL BE FORBIDDEN TO ADDRESS CONFERENCE BUT A GOOD CHANCE GOVERNMENT WILL VET HIS SPEECH TO AVOID ANY ABUSE OF U.S. PRG DELEGATION WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY BE RECEIVED BY PALME OR OTHER GOS MINISTER BUT PROBABLY IN FASHION WHICH WILL PERMIT GOS TO ARGUE AFTERWARD THAT RECEPTION WAS NOT "OFFICIAL". WE CAN BE CONFIDENT GOS WILL NOT PUBLICLY UNDERWRITE STOCKHOLM CONFERENCE.  
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